

The Bloomfield Citizen.

WATSESSING AND FRANKLIN DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

Watseissing.

The straight out and out men of this district disown the action of the "other unscrupulousness of Newark."

The Watseissing Glee Club have been invited to participate in the grand political rally, to be held in Library Hall, on the 26th.

Mrs. J. Greenbank and Mrs. Tichenor represented the Watseissing M. E. Sunday school at the Sunday school convention in Newark on Wednesday.

James D. Smith, as well as being an expert in black diamonds, displays considerable ability as a farmer. Cucumbers he has long been grown on his place this last summer.

Mr. Valentine Gebhardt and Miss Sarah Murphy, both of Watseissing, were married on Wednesday evening, by Rev. J. P. Tracy, of St. Paul's church. Mr. and Mrs. Gebhardt have taken up their residence on Myrtle street.

Politicians are inquiring, what has become of Wm. R. Osman? William R. can be found quietly tending his business at the factory on Myrtle street. Rutherford B. Hayes and Mr. Osman became disgusted with politics at about the same time.

The friends of Mr. William Ellor, the Assembly nominee, are troubled over the indifference manifested by their candidate. They complain of his lack of professional tact. He apparently fails to realize the necessity of grasping Tom, Dick and Harry by the hand with solicitous inquiries after the welfare of their wives and little ones, and "lying like a trooper" in various other ways. His lack of shrewdness is commented on, in that he does not convey slight hints to voters about the plums he may possibly have at his disposal for distribution after election day. He continues to devote all his energies to his business of hat manufacturing. Such conduct on the part of an aspirant for office is inexplicable, if approached altogether too close to the ideal. Mr. Ellor should be remonstrated with, and requested to pursue the practical methods of professional politicians.

A Surprise.

Misses Annie and Bertha Ellor recently approached general Bob Ferguson and informed them that they would like to have him do a favor for them only, he must keep it secret. Bob took off his hat and promised.

They then disclosed to him their plans for tendering a surprise to Mr. Arthur Ellor on the occasion of his nine-tenth birthday, which would occur on the 17th. The favor required of Bob, was to extend invitations to a few of the young men whose company was desired.

In obedience to the invitation on the evening appointed, a goodly number of young people met at the residence of Mrs. George Bradley on Watseissing avenue, from whence they proceeded to Mr. Ellor's home on Bloomfield avenue. Here the party met with the only disappointment of the evening. They were more surprised to learn that their friend expected them, than he was to receive them. They were welcomed to the house, and mirth and fun reigned supreme the balance of the evening.

Among those present were Misses May and Hattie Bradley, Rose Egbert, Emma Bouker, Annie Birchesough Little Andrews, Minnie Dougherty, Jennie Law, Hattie Thompson, Jennie Gilson, Bertha and Annie Ellor. Among the young gentlemen present were Messrs. Robert Ferguson, Fred. R. Pitch, Will Redford, Ed. Mills, John Hibbins, Carl Ferguson, Joe Weston, and Joe Law. Messrs. A. H. Elzey, Samuel Eller and Wm. Martin accidentally dropped in, and thus the evening seemed the lunch afar off.

Franklin District.

Away out in the wild woods of Ohio, they have heard of Col. Cimmon David Wilson.

Wells, springs and brooks, in the immediate neighborhood of the sewer trench on the corner of Dodd and Prospect streets, have gone dry. The water all finds its way to the trench.

The fact that many of the hat manufacturers of Orange are building additions to their shops and increasing their facilities for turning out work, indicates renewed prosperity in the hating industry there.

The proposed extension of the Cross Town Line to Bloomfield, the Second River improvements, and the decision of the Board of Freeholders to build the Brighton Avenue bridge has made an active demand for building lots in the First Ward.

During a trial at the First District Court at Newark, on Monday, a hatter denied the popular theory that hatters' snakes were caused by the poison in the dye used in coloring hats. Mr. Michael E. Barron, one of the counsel asked: "The snake's bite comes from poison in the hats, do they not?" "No, sir," returned Mr. Lane, "it usually comes from drink."

A special meeting of the congregation of Bethel Presbyterian Church has been held to consider a proposal to give thirty feet of their property for the opening of a new street, known as Brighton Avenue, to be opened by private parties.

At a meeting held some time since a majority of the members opposed the giving of the property. Since then the projectors of the new street have had it surveyed and laid out in new lines. It was stated at the meeting that if the church did contribute the property they would have to pay the cost of a new survey. It was subsequently decided to take no action.

The Fire committee's report was as follows: The Committee had made extensive investigations into the different systems in the market, especially with Messrs. Pease & Jones, into the New York city system. A practical competition was held at the truck house, the Gamewell Company and Messrs. Pease & Jones being the exhibitors. It was finally decided to recommend the Gamewell fire telegraph system. It will include complete apparatus twenty-six alarm boxes properly

disposed throughout the town, an electric bell in the tower, and also bells in the other fire buildings and the residences of the Chief and Assistant Engineer, a whistle at the disposal works, an automatic striker for the tower bell to be rung at noon, posts, wires, galvanometers, etc. The Gamewell Company agreed to introduce it at a cost not to exceed \$6,000; to operate it for six months and to keep it in repair for two years.

Assembly Nominations.

To the Bloomfield Citizen: In your issue of two weeks ago I read an article on the Assembly nominations, by S. M. H. which I think is decidedly unjust to both the prohibition and labor party, especially as the writer of that article claims to be an "independent voter," desiring to see the best man put in. He admits that the candidate of the prohibitionists of this district for Assemblyman, Mr. William Ellor, is a good man for the office, and popular with his section of the town too. Then he goes on to say that the prohibitionists do not expect to elect their candidate, but rather to whip the republican party. Now this is a mistake, the prohibitionists do not desire to whip the republican party more than any other. They simply desire the election of good men and true. Men that they can depend on to carry out the principles of their party. This is what they are working so incessantly for, and this is what they intend to accomplish before they are done. Now the idea of charging to the prohibition party the defeat of the republicans and the election to office of democrats, is so ridiculous and absurd, that all fair minded men see this at once. S. M. H. further goes on to call the prohibitionists some pretty hard names, such as "hopeless and illogical party" also an obstruction in the way of any temperance legislation we might and ought to have. Now I will leave it to the readers of the Bloomfield Citizen, does the remarks as these on the part of S. M. H. sound or read like those of an independent voter, desirous of seeing the best man elected? Especially when he admits that a resolution which was passed at our last convention, readin: thus: (That it is hopeless to expect a reformation or a restriction of liquor trade, through either the republican or democratic party) is a very sensible resolution. Then again S. M. H. further goes on to say, in words to the effect, that there has been a decrease in the prohibiting vote, year by year. I wish to submit a few figures, which will prove in themselves, how erratic such a statement is.

First Assembly district—1885, 457; 1886, 570.

Presidential vote. In United States—1872, 5,607; 1870, 9,737; 1880, 9,678; 1884, 150,626. In New Jersey—1876, 43; 1880, 191; 1884, 6,153.

In New Jersey for governor—1877, 1,438; 1880, 195; 1883, 4,153; 1886, 19,808.

In Essex county—1884: president, 767; senator, 740; sheriff, 1,292. 1885: legislator, 1,092; governor, 2,896; congressman, 2,429.

In Essex county for governor—first Assembly district: Bellville, 82; Bloomfield, 185; Caldwell, 122; Franklin, 51; Montclair, 193. Total 570.

V. W.

The Orange and Bloomfield Horse Railway.

Mr. F. M. Eppley appeared before the East Orange town committee on Monday evening to present the matter of the cross-town railroad. He said that the company wished to extend their line from its present terminus in Washington street, Orange to Bloomfield, by way of Dodd and Prospect streets. He wished to get an informal expression of the opinion of the committee concerning the project; because, before having their charter amended, would be necessary for the company to deposit at least \$2,000, guaranteed with the State Treasurer for every additional mile of road that they proposed to construct, and because they did not wish to go that expense without having a reasonable assurance that the plan would not meet with official opposition. He had already obtained the consent of seven eighths of the property owners along the line in the form of deeds, and there was only one person who did not favor the road. He promised to file these consents with the clerk and present a formal petition at the next meeting. Speaking in relation to license fees, he said that the company would not be able to pay a large sum, as there would probably be no profits for three years, at least. He said that the people of Watseissing and Bloomfield were entirely in favor of the extension of the road, and that they were more willing to patronize Orange and East Orange than Newark, if some such accommodation were provided. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Smith, of the First ward, said that the residents of their ward wished to see the road extended. Messrs. Coyne, Wiley and Ryan also said a good word for it. Upon motion of Mr. Lane, the proposition was referred to the road committee for investigation. During the course of his remarks, Mr. Eppley said in reply to a question, that the cars would be drawn by electric power which required poles and wires. As soon as the storage battery system is perfected they will use it.

Most of us lay up a good stock of patience, but we make the mistake of putting it where we can't find it when we need it most.

There is no rule for beauty; this enables every man to have a better-looking wife than any of his neighbors.

Those who know most are generally the best listeners, and the most anxious to know more.

It is easier not to say than to unsay what has been said. Therefore think well before you speak ill.

When you tell a secret to a friend remember your friend has a friend, and that your friend's friend has a friend.

True repentance has a double aspect; it looks upon things past with a weeping eye, and upon the future with a watching eye.

Before going to war, pray once; before going to sea, pray twice; before getting married, pray three times.—*Russian Proverb.*

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